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TO: Chief, FBIS
FROM: Chief, Saigon Bureau
SUBJECT: Monthly Progress Report - June 1964

I. GENERAL

The resignation of Ambassador Lodge and the appointments of General Taylor and Deputy Ambassador Johnson highlighted the month. The Saigon public appears to be impressed by the stature of the appointees, and there is no feeling locally that Lodge's departure signifies any lessening of U.S. determination to support South Vietnam.

Office movements in recent months have now left FBIS as the only non-Station component in the Embassy annex -- not a wholly desirable situation, but unavoidable. More reshufflings of office space under the new Embassy leadership are probable; but it is expected that the FBIS office will remain intact.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial

Publishable wordage filed during the month totaled 217,000 words; 70 percent of this record high came from radio coverage. Hanoi and the Liberation Station seem to be broadcasting more original, worthwhile items than formerly -- items not transmitted by VNA in English.

A total of 135 hours of voice broadcasts weekly were being covered at the end of the month.

B. Communications

WA 677 reporting a worldwide MINIMIZE into and out of Saigon was brought to the attention of the Embassy communications officer. He had not been informed of any restrictions on traffic, however, and did not wish

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to seek advice from STARCOM lest such action serve to raise in the military mind the possibility of preempting the Embassy-FBIS circuit. Therefore the Embassy teletype unit carried on as usual.

Effective 1 July, classified and unclassified air pouches to Washington will leave Saigon four times weekly -- Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, each two days in transit. The previous schedule was twice weekly, Tuesday and Friday, also two days in transit.

C. Technical

Two newly arrived receivers (military type R390A/URR) have been installed in the console. Substantially improved reception from the Laotian and Malaysian radios has been noted; effect on Hanoi and Liberation Station reception, where interference rather than low power is the problem, has been negligible.

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Chief, Saigon Bureau

Attachments:

1. Classified Personnel Report
2. Foreign Personnel Report
3. Broadcast Coverage Report

SAIGON BUREAU BROADCAST COVERAGE SCHEDULE FOR 1 JULY 1964

Australia

English	Melbourne	is	0400-0410	daily	not Th	good	2
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Cambodia

French	Phnom Penh	is	0515-0530	daily	daily	fair	1
"	"	is	2315-2330	"	"	fair	1
English	"	is	0530-0600	"	"	poor	1
Cambodian	"	ds	0700-0715	"	"	fair	1
"	"	ds	2300-2315	"	"	poor	1

China (Communist)

Lao	Peking	is	0000-0030	daily	daily	good	1
"	"	is	1100-1130	"	"	good	4
"	"	is	1300-1400	"	"	good	1
Cambodian	"	is	1200-1300	"	"	good	1
Thai	"	is	1130-1200	"	"	good	1
"	"	is	2330-0000	"	"	good	1
Malay	"	is	1000-1030	"	"	good	1

Clandestine Stations

Radio Pathet Lao

Lao			0030-0100	daily	daily	fair	2
"			0415-0445	"	"	fair	1
French			0100-0115	"	"	fair	2

Radio of the Laotian Kingdom

Lao			0500-0600	daily	daily	fair	1
Lao/French			2315-0015	"	"	fair	1

Liberation Broadcasting Station

Vietnamese			0500-0530	daily	daily	fair	1
" (D)			0530-0600	"	"	fair	3
"			1130-1200	"	"	poor	2
Cambodian			1330-1345	"	"	poor	2

Voice of the Movement for Neutral and Nationalist South Vietnam

Vietnamese/Cambodian/French			0000-0100	when b'cst-checked	daily	poor	1
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Voice of the Movement for Independent Neutral and Nationalist Thailand

Thai	0100-0130	when b'cst-checked	not Su	fair	2
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Voice of Khmer Serei

Cambodian/French	2300-0000	when b'cst-checked	daily	poor	2
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Laos

Lao/French	Vientiane	ds	0500-0530	daily	daily	fair	1
Lao	"	ds	2330-0100	"	"	fair	1

Malaysia

English	Kuala Lumpur	is	0000-0015	daily	not Su	poor	2
"	Kuching	ds	1100-1115	"	" ThF	poor	2
Indonesian	Kuala Lumpur	is	0800-0810	"	" Th	good	2
Malay	"	ds	0600-0615	"	" Th	fair	2
"	Jesselton	ds	1130-1145	not Su	" ThFSu	poor	2

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

Cambodian	Moscow	is	1230-1300	TThSa	TThSa	fair	1
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Vietnam (North)

Vietnamese (D)	Hanoi VNA	n-s viet.	0145-0345	daily	daily	good	2
"	"	s viet.	0400-0415	"	"	fair	1
"	"	ds	0430-0500	"	"	fair	1
" (D)	" VNA	n-s viet.	0830-0900	"	not SS	fair	2
"	"	ds	1100-1130	"	daily	good	1
"	"	s viet.	1200-1230	"	not Su	good	2
"	"	s viet.	1400-1430	not Sa	" SS	fair	2
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" "	"	n-s viet.	1300-1330	MF	MF	fair	2
English	"	is	1000-1030	daily	MTuW	fair	2

Vietnam (South)

VIETNAM PRESS AGENCY twice-daily (Sunday, one) bulletins covered by scrutiny							
English	Saigon	is	2330-2345	daily	daily	good	2
Vietnamese	"	ds	0500-0515	"	"	good	1
"	"	ds	0906-0905	"	"	good	1
"	"	ds	2300-2305	"	"	good	1